

**PROGRAM TO DEVELOP JOINT PLAN OF ACTION
FOR ADDRESSING TRANSBOUNDARY AIR POLLUTION**

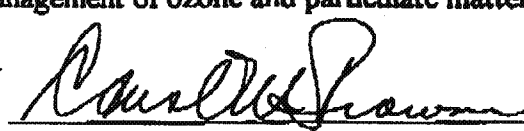
Air pollution that affects public health and the environment knows no political boundaries. Over the years, Canada and the United States have made significant progress in reducing acid rain and improving the quality of the air over North America. We commit ourselves to providing clean, healthy air for all of our citizens and to achieving these air quality goals through cost effective, common-sense approaches. Canada and the United States are commencing development of a joint plan of action to provide optimal approaches for addressing transport of ozone and particulate matter. The following steps are envisaged for developing the plan of action:

- analyze transboundary emission reduction scenarios for ozone and particulate matter,
- investigate the extent to which emission management frameworks being established under the U.S. CAAAC¹ and OTAG² process might be applied in a transboundary context and coordinated with Canadian regional smog management programs,
- assess the degree to which the emission trading framework being considered under OTAG could be applied in a transboundary context,
- identify legal, administrative and environmental issues with transboundary emissions trading and joint air quality management and suggest options for resolution,
- examine optimal transboundary management mechanisms that might be established involving partnerships between states and provinces in selected boundary regions,
- develop options for consideration of potential annexes to the Canada/U.S. Air Quality Agreement on fine particles and ozone,
- summarize the results of the above into a joint plan of action defining optimal approaches and next steps towards transboundary management of ozone and particulate matter



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¹ Clean Air Act Advisory Committee, Subcommittee on Ozone, Particulate Matter and Regional Haze Implementation Programs

² Ozone Transport Assessment Group